

# THINK **Green** — THE FACTS

**Green Collar Jobs** result in the restoration of the environment, the conservation of natural resources and the mitigation of pollution. Green collar jobs include installing green roofs, dismantling and recycling computers, auditing the energy use of an office building, and covers everything from green building construction, to building deconstruction, lead paint abatement, Brownfields cleanup, public transit, river restoration, or energy efficiency retrofits of buildings.

**Green Collar Careers** are available in:

- Automotive Services (training certification program available in DC)
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Solar Heating and Energy Technology
- Roofing (training certification program available in DC)
- Landscaping (training certification program available in DC)
- Water Purification and Management
- Waste Management
- Recycling
- Park and Recreation
- Low Impact Design
- Painting

## LOCAL **Green Collar Jobs Programs**

**Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP)** trains pesticide applicators so that they obtain their applicator's license and maintain certification through continuing education. Training courses are offered in the spring and fall. Core training consists of 12 weeks of pesticide use and safety, using both lecture and hands-on laboratory techniques. Contact: David Jefferson at [djefferson@udc.edu](mailto:djefferson@udc.edu) or call 202-274-7114.

**The Home Lawn and Gardening Program** provides direct technical assistance on the beautification of public spaces in the District. Contact: Sandy Farber at [sfarber@udc.edu](mailto:sfarber@udc.edu) or call 202-274-7166.

**The Water Quality Education and Monitoring Program** monitors District ground, surface, and drinking water quality through random sampling and testing and prepares and disseminates topical educational information. The program has initiated an EPA Certified Water Quality Testing Lab at the University of the District of Columbia that will be used to train and certify Water Quality Lab Technicians and Waste Water Operators according to EPA standards. Contact: Wellela Hirpassa at [whirpassa@udc.edu](mailto:whirpassa@udc.edu) or call 202-274-7087.

**The Agriculture in the Classroom (AIC) Program** introduces students to agricultural production systems and their interactions with the environment and prepares students for opportunities in agriculture and related fields. Contact: Ms. Barbara Evans at [bevans@udc.edu](mailto:bevans@udc.edu) or call 202-274-7160.

## WHO BENEFITS?

The Green Collar Jobs Initiative will benefit everyone living and working in the District of Columbia. Job training and work experience are available for youth participating in the Summer Youth Program as well as workers with limited education and skills. Students from local and regional colleges and universities, enrolled in environmental and related programs, are encouraged to participate in the Green Collar Jobs Initiative. College credit(s) may be available.

**Interested?** Contact [margaret.wright@dc.gov](mailto:margaret.wright@dc.gov) at the D.C. Department of Employment Services or [howard.ways@dc.gov](mailto:howard.ways@dc.gov) at the D.C. Office of Planning for more information on the Green Collar Jobs Initiative.

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*The Green Jobs Act of 2007 (H.R. 2847) passed by the House Education and Labor Committee in December 2007 authorizes up to \$125 million to establish job-training programs to address shortages that are impairing growth in green industries.*



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